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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph [0022] as follows:

FIG. 3A is a depiction from a photograph of a prior art distal tip of approximately 8 mm in length. **FIG. 3B** is a depiction from a photograph of ~~as compared to~~ a distal tip according to the present invention, tapered over a 5 mm length shown for comparison to the prior art tip of **FIG. 3A**.

Please amend Paragraph [0027] as follows:

FIG. 7 is a flow chart diagram illustrating the general steps of forming the low profile short tapered tip of the present invention.

Please amend Paragraph [0035] as follows:

The significance of the reduced dimensions of the inventive tip are best appreciated by viewing the depictions shown in **FIGS. 3A and [[4B]] 3B**, taken from photos, comparing a prior art distal tip with a distal tip of the present invention. In **FIG. 3A** a prior art catheter distal tip 50 is aligned next to a low profile short tapered tip 10 of the present invention. The tip 10 of the present invention, shown in **FIG. 3B**, has a tip length 36 (dimension A) of approximately 5 mm. The tip length 36' (dimension A' of the prior art tip 50) measures approximately 8 mm. The diameter 40 (dimension B) of the inventive tip 10 is approximately 0.059 inch (circumference of 4.5 French), while the diameter 40' (dimension B' of the prior art tip 50) is 0.064 inch (circumference of 5 French).

Please amend Paragraph [0036] as follows:

In **FIG. 4B** a papillatome catheter 12 having the low profile short tapered tip 10 of the present invention is shown in comparison to a prior art papillatome 52 (**FIG. [[4B]] 4A**), both shown lying adjacent a measurement grid 54 showing marked length increments of 1 mm. The tip

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length 36 (dimension A) of the inventive papillatome tip is approximately 5 mm, while the tip length 36" (dimension A") of the prior art papillatome 52 is approximately 7 mm. The diameter 40 (dimension B) of the present papillatome tip 10 is approximately 0.059 inch (approximately 4.5 French in circumference), while the diameter 40" (dimension B" of the prior art papillatome 52) is approximately 0.064 inch (approximately 5 French in circumference). These figures illustrate the dimensional advantage of the distal tip of the present invention over the prior art catheter distal tips. A 0.035 inch guidewire 41 is represented passing through the guidewire lumen 16 of each tip shown in FIGS. 4A and 4B.